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112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To achieve operational control of and improve security at the international  
land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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the international land borders of the United States, and  
for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Secure Border Act of  
5       2011”.

6       **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL CONTROL**  
7       **OF THE BORDER.**

8       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The border shared by the United States and  
2           Mexico, and numerous Mexican towns in close prox-  
3           imity to that border, have experienced a dramatic  
4           surge in crime and violence to ongoing activity  
5           among rival Mexican drug cartels and criminal  
6           smuggling organizations that employ predatory tac-  
7           tics to realize their profits.

8           (2) In August 2005, the States of New Mexico  
9           and Arizona declared states of emergency in order to  
10          provide local law enforcement immediate assistance  
11          in addressing criminal activity along the Southwest  
12          border.

13          (3) A recent Government Accountability Office  
14          report found that only 44 percent of the Southwest  
15          border was under operational control, and less than  
16          two percent of the Northern border is under oper-  
17          ational control.

18          (4) It is the obligation of the Federal Govern-  
19          ment to adequately secure the borders of the United  
20          States and prevent the flow into the United States  
21          of undocumented persons, unlawful drugs, and other  
22          contraband.

23          (b) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the  
24          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
25          land Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland

1 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
2 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
3 Committee of the Senate a comprehensive strategy for  
4 gaining operational control of the international borders of  
5 the United States within five years. The strategy shall in-  
6 clude an analysis of the following:

7 (1) Staffing requirements for all border security  
8 functions.

9 (2) Investment in infrastructure, including pe-  
10 destrian fencing, vehicle barriers, and roads.

11 (3) The use of unmanned aerial vehicles, cam-  
12 era technology, and sensors.

13 (4) Cooperation agreements with international,  
14 State, local, tribal, and other Federal law enforce-  
15 ment agencies that have jurisdiction on the border.

16 (5) Other means designed to detect, respond to,  
17 and interdict cross-border unlawful activity and to  
18 reduce the level of violence.

19 (6) A schedule for implementing security meas-  
20 ures, including a prioritization for future invest-  
21 ments.

22 (7) Considerations of risks to border commu-  
23 nities and law enforcement.

24 (c) OPERATIONAL CONTROL DEFINED.—In this Act,  
25 the term “operational control” has the meaning given such

- 1 term in section 2(b) of the Secure Fence Act of 2006 (8
- 2 U.S.C. 1701 note; Public Law 109–367).